

SENATOR VENDITTE: No, I have talked to a number of real estate owners and as a matter of fact we have a new housing edition that has just recently been planned or at least there are a number of new homes within three blocks of this area and this would be a prime site. The 40 some acres involved in the landfill site would certainly lend itself to a housing development.

SENATOR SIMON: I guess I would feel more comfortable if I knew from the Economic Development Department that that in fact would be the case, but you can certainly get that information for me. Now you say that the total...so if they pulled out today, they have expended \$450,000 and that would be the total cost and then you are contending that the land could be sold for a higher value, is that correct?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Senator Simon, yes.

SENATOR SIMON: Alright, let me explore the other possibilities in terms of what this bill would do. Where would you suggest that the proposed landfill site be? I understand based on the restrictions of the bill where it cannot be, but I'm trying to determine the economic feasibility of where in fact the landfill could be located.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Is there any room in your district, Senator Simon?

SENATOR SIMON: There's no room in my district, but that's not the question I asked you.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I realize that.

SENATOR SIMON: You know, Senator Venditte, that the bill is faced within the corporate limits. Let me ask you again where would the landfill go?

SENATOR VENDITTE: The landfill would go outside of the corporate city limits and I think that the City Engineering Department could best answer that question. I know that when we were planning and making plans for relocating this landfill site, we had given the city of Omaha an alternate site. It was called the Voss Farm out in Washington County and I believe the total distance to the Voss Farm was something like 19 miles. A distance similar of...for example, in Atlanta, Georgia...well anyway Senator Simon, yes we did give them an alternate site and this they said was too high a cost to transport the garbage to another site.

SENATOR SIMON: That's what I wanted for the record, also. I sat in on those hearings at the City Council, also and could you for the record state what the costs were going to be or would be then for that landfill in Washington County if that site were adopted?

SENATOR VENDITTE: The major problem there was Senator Simon that the roads were not built properly enough to transport that garbage and that was the...you know we're talking about the 19 miles of bad roads. Many of them I think are rock and gravel type roads.

SENATOR SIMON: Was there a cost figure given by the...